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**We do our best in all we do, with God's love.  
'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'**

Dear parents, carers and children,

The spring term has settled into its stride and we've all been enjoying some much needed January sunshine this week, enabling the children to get outside and active. Six of our Year Three and Four children represented West Dean at the locality netball tournament at Bishop Luffa School on Thursday and proved themselves to be a very well-drilled and skilled team. The focus of the tournament was not on an overall winner as such, but our team enjoyed the success of winning their matches. Very well done to all who participated.

I am so pleased that inter-school competition has been able to start up again. There is more to come this half term, with a hockey event and the locality cross-country championships in a few weeks' time, which I am particularly looking forward to having watched our runners work so hard to develop their fitness and stamina at cross-country club this term and last.

Sadly, I have to announce that we will soon be saying goodbye to Mrs Wakefield, a highly valued member of our team, who as you know primarily works as a teaching assistant in Beech Class. Mrs Wakefield has been successfully appointed to a new and exciting learning support role at St Philip Howard School in Barnham and will be leaving West Dean shortly before the half term holiday to take up her new post. We cannot thank Mrs Wakefield enough for the enthusiasm and dedication that she has shown in her work here at West Dean and the incredible difference she has made for our children. She will be greatly missed, but we are excited for her and wish her the very best as she embarks on her next adventure.



We have plans in place to ensure continued provision in Beech Class and I will be in touch again once details of the support team have been finalised.

Collective worship this week has focused on the *Fruits of the Spirit*, as illustrated by St Paul in his letter to the Galatians. Paul explains that we have been gifted by God to bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit, namely love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We've looked specifically at the theme of patience this week, and through various challenges, including placing chocolate biscuits in front of their teachers' noses, the children have learnt that one definition of patience is that it is not about waiting, it is about how we behave *whilst* we are waiting. I'm pleased to report that the teachers demonstrated immense patience and self-control, despite the biscuit temptation!

Whilst I always enjoy writing to you, I am mindful that life is busy and a lengthy letter for you to read on a weekly basis may not always be entirely useful. Consequently, we are going to trial a very slight change to the newsletter cycle for the rest of the spring term and I would welcome your feedback following this period.

I will write a **once a month roundup** of the highlights of the month and the important points of news, which will accompany the newsletter in the same way it has until now. In the other three or four weeks of the month, we will still send out the short news item pages, but without a letter from me. I am confident that the newsletter will remain an effective means of communication, but should in this way be a little less demanding of your time. As previously mentioned, I welcome your feedback on how this has worked in practice, nearer to the end of term.

Lastly this week, with just four week's remaining until the half term holiday, a reminder that the Monday following the week-long break (28<sup>th</sup> February) is an INSET day. The children return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

With best wishes for a happy and relaxing weekend,

Chris Williams

#### COVID safe procedures and routines

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister announced on 19 January that the temporary introduction of Plan B is to end. As a result, the Plan B measures in the guidance for schools are being removed, including the use of face masks in communal areas for adults.



**Whilst it is no-longer a legal requirement, we would appreciate your continued use of a face mask when visiting school, including drop-off and pick-up times, until such time that we are confident that the risk has reduced further. There remains a high level of COVID infection in some schools in the Chichester locality, so we want to do all we can to continue to keep West Dean healthy.**

Further details of the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>



West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 21st January 2022



*Kash Year R - for your amazing understanding of 2d shapes and being a triangle expert!*

*Florence Year 1 - for your independent work in your challenges this week. You were focussed and completed all of them.*

*Lilly Year 2 - for working so hard on your handwriting, you have really persevered with big improvements.*

*Kaitlyn Year 3 - for your marvellous maths this week. You have worked so hard on lots of calculations and with a beautiful smile on your face!*

*Zebby Year 4 - for your wonderful map work. The detail and precision involved makes it a joy to read.*

*Milton Year 5 - for your enthusiasm and competitive play in our netball lesson this week. You were extremely focused and involved.*

*Evie Year 6 - for your motivation to learn out of school. Your banner is superb and I can't wait to find out more about Emmeline Pankhurst.*



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Immunisation Service have recently attended your school for the Flu Nasal Spray. If you have already completed a form and your child missed it in school, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form.

However, If your child did not receive the flu vaccination, and you would like them to be vaccinated, it's not too late. Please ensure that you complete an online consent form, if you have not already done so. The online consent form will re-open at 11am today and is available for completion.

#### Head Lice

We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please be vigilant and treat cases of head lice appropriately. Further guidance can be found at:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



#### West Dean Governing Body — Election of Parent Governor

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor and would invite you to consider the opportunity to join us and make a difference.

As a governing Body, we meet together twice each term to discuss, agree, approve, monitor, evaluate and decide together strategies for school development.

Do you have a particular area of expertise that you could offer or do you have a desire to help us to move forward? Do you have some time to be a vital part of our school community?

If you think this might be for you, please see the attached information and nomination form.

If you would like further information or an informal chat, please do contact the school office, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Goacher, or our Clerk, Pasha Delahunty.

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#### New website for West Dean

Do have a look at our 'new-look' website, which is now live at:

<http://www.westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk/web>

Currently, the new design has been applied to the existing website content, so the text information remains the same.

We will be gradually reviewing and revising the content over the coming weeks and months, but we hope you like this fresh new look in the meantime.

A reminder to all families that in order to safeguard children and adults with an allergy or intolerance to nuts, we ask that **nuts and food products containing nuts are not brought into school**. We understand that nuts can form part of a healthy diet, but ask for your cooperation in the interest of safety. Thank you.



#### World Book Day

Thursday

3rd March

Further details to follow soon





# Diary Dates 2021/22



## 2021/22 INSET Days

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 28th February 2022, Monday 6th June & Wednesday 6th July

### Spring Term 2022



Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April

Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February

### Summer Term 2022



Monday 25th April - Thursday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Monday 24th January	Assembly with Hugo Van-Driel
Wednesday 26th January	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 2nd February	1.00-3.00 SSP Quicksticks Hockey (selected yr 5/6)
Thursday 3rd February	Maple Class Visit to Marwell (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd February	SSP Future Flyers—details to follow for selected Yr 5/6
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 9th February	1.00-3.30 SSP Cross Country Event (optional for Yr 5/6)
Thursday 10th February	1.30-3.30 SSP FUNDamentals selected Yr 2/3
Monday 14th February	Random Act of Kindness Week
Wednesday 16th February	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th February	Dancehouse—rehearsal and performance details tbc
Thursday 17th February	1.00-4.00 SSP Bronze Ambassadors details tbc for selected
Wednesday 2nd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—details tbc
Wednesday 9th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 16th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital (details to follow for selected)
Wednesday 30th March	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 23rd March	SSP ARun Swim Gala
Wednesday 6th April	Westgate Swimming for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 7th April	1.00—3.00 SSP Future Flyers

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Miss J Ashton <b>Cancelled</b>	10	Netball	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Goacher/Mrs Johnson 6.30-7.00pm	20	Swim WBH	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6,
	Mr C Williams	20	Cross Country	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Muggeridge/Miss Boxall	8	Cookery	£30.00	Yr3, 4, 5, 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs E Holder	12	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
<b>Friday</b>	AAA Coaching	14	Multi-sports	£25.00	1,2,3,4,5,6

**Dates: W/C 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February - x 5 weeks**

Children in Miss Ashton's Netball club will be working towards the Sports Partnership High Five Netball event in the spring term.

Children in Mr William's Cross Country Club will be working towards the Sports Partnership Cross Country event in February.

Children in Mrs Holder's Dance club will be working on their performance for the Dance House event at the Alexandra Theatre, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

In addition to our after school club programme our Care Bear provision is available everyday, Mon-Fri, 3.00-4.00pm. **Please make sure that you book in at least 24 hours in advance.**

All clubs run from 3.00-4.00, with the exception of Cookery Club which finishes at 4.15 and our swimming club which will be held at Westbourne House school, 6.30-7.15pm.

For all clubs and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk).

Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

**Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis.**

**Please collect your child from the Reception area. Children will only be released to parents or carers unless we have been notified of alternative arrangements.**